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Miss America 2001 Angela Perez Baraquio Will Speak at UNH Public Event

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Editors/News Directors: A press conference with Miss America 2001 Angela Perez Baraquio will be held at 12 noon, Wednesday, July 11, in Room 203 of the Memorial Union Building. Call Sharon Keeler at 603-862-1566 if you plan to attend. Other speakers from Team Nutrition Day will also be available for interviews.

DURHAM, N.H. -- To coincide with the University of New Hampshire's Team Nutrition Summer Institute, N.H. Governor Jeanne Shaheen has proclaimed Wednesday, July 11, "New Hampshire Celebrates Team Nutrition Day."

The special event, held during UNH's two-week institute for school professionals, recognizes the efforts of administrators and teachers who develop programs that provide nutritional and fitness instruction for the youth of the state. Now in its fifth year, the institute is the only one of its kind in the United States. It is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Stamp Program.

The celebration takes place in the Memorial Union Building from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is free and open to the public, but preregistration is necessary.

Reinforcing her commitment to nutrition education and physical fitness, Miss America 2001 Angela Perez Baraquio, of Hawaii, will be a keynote speaker at the celebration. A physical education teacher and coach, Perez Baraquio will encourage educators, parents and students to make character education an integral
element of their school's culture and curriculum. Her talk takes place at 1:15 p.m. in the MUB Granite State Room.

Other featured presenters include Ron Vogel of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Nutrition Services, who will give opening remarks at 9:45 a.m.; Barbara Moore, a nutrition expert and president of "Shape Up America!" who will speak at 1:45 p.m.; and Vickie James from "Cooking Light" magazine, who will speak on "The Healthy Kids Challenge" at 3 p.m. These talks will be held in the Granite State Room.

"Community leaders, school professionals, parents and others who impact the lives of children should come to New Hampshire Celebrates Team Nutrition Day to get a good look at the issues surrounding proper child nutrition and physical activity," says Tamara Martin, research assistant professor in UNH's Department of Health Management and Policy and co-director of the institute. "It is our hope that participants will leave with a snapshot of the challenges faced and solutions school professionals and food service workers are developing to help children and their families make healthy lifestyle choices that last a lifetime."

To preregister for New Hampshire Celebrates Team Nutrition Day, contact Tamara Martin at 603-862-3461, or e-mail at tamara.martin@unh.edu.

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